

## SETTLED THE WAGE QUESTION

**Agreement Harmoniously Reached that  
The Journeymen Carpenters will Promises Well for Omaha Labor.**

**CARPENTERS AND CONTRACTORS CONFER**

**Eight Hours and Thirty Cents an Hour  
Fixed as the Time and Scale and None  
but Union Workmen to Be  
Employed.**

The building contractors and union carpenters held a joint meeting Wednesday afternoon in Knights of Labor hall and organized the meeting by electing Contractor J. E. Knowles as chairman and Journeyman Chris Ryder as secretary.

The meeting had been called at the instance of the carpenters' union in order that the journeymen carpeneters and contractors might come together and in a friendly way talk over the scale of wages, rules and regulations to govern their work for 1894. The carpenters of Omaha have been clamoring for an eight hour day for some time, and it was soon developed at this meeting that the contractors would offer no objections to the shortening of the hours to eight per day, which would place them on the same basis as the non-union carpenters present. One of the contractors in speaking upon the subject said: "If all the carpenters belong to the union so that none will work over eight hours per day, it really makes no difference to me whether the hours are eight or ten, for I know how to figure out to pay what I want." He also made his figures in accordance with what labor will cost.

The question of hours had been settled the price per hour came up for consideration and was not quite so easily agreed upon. The journeymen thought that 35 cents per hour would be the right one, but that would fix the wages at \$2.80 per day, and taking into consideration the expense of living in Omaha, and the slight possibility of a heavy loss, they had agreed among themselves that this amount should be paid them for work during the season of 1894. To this the contractors assented, and they agreed on the ground that times were now very hard and they believed the men should accept 30 cents per hour for that reason. They also agreed that if the contractor could give 30 cents per hour would have a tendency to prevent some buildings from being put up during the winter season; that if the scale of 30 cents per hour were cheaper. While they did not think that 35 cents per hour was too much in ordinary times they thought that for the coming season it would be better to agree to 30 cents. The men should be satisfied to accept the lower rate. This question they talked over for fully an hour, all the discussion being of a friendly nature, when finally it was agreed that 30 cents per hour should be the scale until May 1, 1895.

A following resolution was introduced and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, the undersigned contractors and journeyman carpenters of the city of Omaha, do hereby agree that eight hours shall constitute a day's work and 30 cents per hour shall be the scale, overtaking to take effect on the first of May, 1894, until May 1, 1895, and to employ none but union men.

Resolved, That this agreement is not to go into effect unless approved by a majority of the contractors of the city of Omaha.

The agreement was then signed by the contractors and journeymen, which represented the unions of the city, and also by twenty of the contractors. A sub-committee was appointed, which will visit all the contractors in the city, and endeavor to get them to sign the agreement, subject to call by the president and executive committee.

**Protest from the Printers.**

The following resolutions were passed by Omaha Typographical union at its regular meeting Monday night last:

Resolved, That this union hereby enters a most emphatic protest against the letting of a contract for printing by the officials of Holt & Co., of Iowa, which represented the unions of the city, and also by twenty of the contractors. A sub-committee was appointed, which will visit all the contractors in the city, and endeavor to get them to sign the agreement, subject to call by the president and executive committee.

**Pills that cure sick headache: DeWitt's Little Early Risers.**

A excited cold often terminates in consumption. Take Dr. Williams' Suffering Syrup in time, and forestall the dreadful disease.

**BY AN OMAHA SWINDLER.**

**Austin Howe Has Been Working His Friends in York State.**

Chief of Police Seavey is in receipt of a letter from J. B. Warren of Rochester, N. Y., asking him to make the police look up an arrest Austin S. Howe for obtaining money under false pretences. Howe is about 23 years of age and had been acquainted with the writer of the letter for 12 years. Not long ago Howe visited Rochester and induced Warren to endorse a check supposed to be drawn by the Electrical Engineering and Supply company, of New Rochelle, N. Y., for \$100.00, and then Howe gave Warren his personal check for \$100 and used the money as part payment on a hammerless rifle. The young man was turned loose, and the police thereupon say the correspondent, Warren, was worthless.

Special Officer Dan Davis looked up Howe's record. While here the young man had been arrested twice, once for larceny, and his brother Ed Howe, who is employed by one of the lumber companies here, The police received word from the police in Rochester, N. Y., that Austin S. Howe was wanted, and Austin Howe was arrested on suspicion because he refused to give an account of himself. At that time he gave the name of Harry Clark, of Elmira, N. Y., and was taken to police court. Ed Howe came down and told the judge he would be responsible for his brother's actions. Relying upon these promises, the judge then set him free.

On January 30 Howe rented a bicycle from a Dodge street firm for a couple of hours. He rode off with the bike, and the next morning he had disappeared. The firm has been missing. Officer Davis also found the shotgun in a pawn shop, where \$52 had been loaned on it.

In the opinion of the police young Howe is a smooth swindler, and should be returned to the city he will be arrested for the larceny of the bicycle.

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**THE REALTY MARKET.**

**INSTRUMENTS placed on record February 1, 1894:**

A O Eden and wife to Theresa Busling, a cash lot, block 13, south of Journal, add to South Omaha.....		\$ 675
M H Goddard and husband to W Q Russell, lots 40, Nelson's add, north of N. S. Nelson and wife to W W Welch, s 1/2 of block 12, south of Journal, add, Drake's add.....		1,000
G Spence to John Hickey, lot 11, block 12, south of Journal, add, Drake's add.....		5,000
Vincent Gerwinick to Francis Gerwinick, e 1/2 of lot 15, block 9, Summit street, south of Journal, add.....		1,600
W W Welch and wife to E N Nelson, s 42 1/2 feet of block 12, south of Journal, add.....		2
QUITT CLAIM DEEDS.		4,500
M W Grelet and wife to G S Spence, lot 11, block 128, North Omaha.....		50
S M Sadler, special master, to A F Hotchkiss, lots 8 and 9, block 4, south of Journal, add, Drake's add.....		134
H B Key, county treasurer, to W J Herndon, lot 40, Nelson's add, north of N. S. Nelson and wife to W W Welch, s 1/2 of block 12, south of Journal, add, Drake's add.....		1,000
Same to S M Sadler, lot 40, Nelson's add, north of N. S. Nelson and wife to W W Welch, s 1/2 of block 12, south of Journal, add, Drake's add.....		1,000
Same to H J Twining, no fee, 6-14-13, lot 16, block 15, Hayes street, south of Journal, add.....		1,000